

Name of Group: Governance, Planning, and Administration

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Responsibility of Group:

The Governance component group addresses issues related to the governance, planning, and administration of Iowa's Early Care, Health, and Education System. This group is responsible for designing and overseeing the implementation of governance, planning, and administrative structures that integrate the six system components to ensure that the results in the Strategic Plan are achieved.

Activities include:

- Serving as the point of accountability to assure that the Guiding Principles adopted by the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders permeate the products and processes used by all of the components of the Early Care, Health, and Education System
- Securing professional development opportunities (such as cultural competence and results-based accountability, etc.) for the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders as system development work continues
- Promoting effective, collaborative leadership among the identified system components
- Ensuring that strong partnerships at the local level are formed and supported

Recent actions:

- ◆ We are working on a one-day cultural competency training to be conducted in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Human Rights and a one-day parent event focused on soliciting parent voices into the system building work.
- ◆ We completed a crosswalk between the ECI Strategic Plan and the ECCS Work Plan. Let us know if you would like to see a copy of that.
- ◆ We started working on conversations with other component groups about their activities and the alignment of those activities with the ECI Strategic Plan.